## Statement of Candidate for Member of City Council of City of Hayward

Matt (Mateo) Jimenez

Occupation: Retired Fire Chief

## **Qualifications:**

I was born and raised in Hayward and want the best for Hayward Residents.

I served as Fire Chief of Hayward and President of the World Fire Chiefs.

I founded the Boys and Girls Club for youths of Hayward.

<u>CRIME</u>: I will vote to provide our police with necessary finances to fight the ugly crime and drug problems.

I voted for <u>NO</u> tax increases, except to provide financing to seismically retrofit our Fire and Police Stations.

I voted for <u>NO</u> cuts in police, fire and library services, and supported improvements to our Animal Shelter.

For our seniors, I voted to reduce mobile home rents.

<u>TRAFFIC:</u> It is horrendous; transportation improvements are necessary so that Hayward streets will be available for Hayward motorists.

I am vitally concerned with Hayward's "ECONOMIC FUTURE." Managed growth will create jobs for our citizens, and will generate buying power and sales tax, thusly insuring quality municipal services.

I did <u>not</u> vote for doubling the salary for the Mayor and City Council, the one-way north for Foothill Boulevard and the one-way south for Mission Boulevard.

I was responsible for removing the 1,300 downtown parking meters.

Fire Station No. 1 was named in my honor on August 6, 2005.

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